

Children's Outreach Services



We have a great time
sharing stories!

Children's Outreach staff

visit licensed

daycare

centers and family home
providers.

The visits include a story

time, crafts, and book

delivery to

babies, toddlers and

preschoolers.



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Books & Beyond and early literacy library services open minds

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Children's Outreach Staff support early literacy foundations and is dedicated to providing and modeling quality developmentally and

age-appropriate programs to family daycare providers and child care centers. The story times focus on the six pre-literacy skills of narration, phonological awareness, letter knowledge, print awareness, print motivation and vocabulary.

An extension of this commitment is the *Books & Beyond* Mobile Library unit. This vehicle is provided by the High Point Friends of the Library and a grant by Success by Six and Smart Start. It provides materials and storytimes only to family daycare providers of babies and toddlers.

*10 Tips for Parents of Young Children**

1. Read aloud to your child every day.
2. Create a print rich environment.
3. Model reading and writing.
4. Use grocery shopping to encourage reading.
5. Cook with your child to develop literacy.
6. Explore books together.
7. Tell stories together.
8. Sing and rhyme with your child.
9. Write with your child.
10. Visit the library often.

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*Exploring Books with Babies**

- Look for books with clear and simple pictures.
- Choose a good time to read, when you and your child are relaxed and happy.
- Point to pictures. Talk about them in an excited voice.
- Notice what your baby looks at, and then talk about it.



Your child can learn pre-reading skills from birth!

- It is natural for babies to play with books, even to chew or tear them.
- Stop for a while if your baby loses interest or gets upset. A few enjoyable minutes at a time is better than a longer

unhappy time together.

- While you read, make your child feel loved and special.
- Share your books with your baby every day. Even a few minutes are important.
- Be prepared to repeat, repeat, repeat.
- Get tactile. Touch and feel books are great sensory as well as literary tools.
- Keep books handy. Stow board books in your stroller, diaper bag, can near the high chair, at the changing table, even at the bathtub (waterproof bath books). You'll always have a book ready to distract and entertain.
- Join the public library. It's a great way participate in story time groups, and meet other families.

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